

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 11, and 13-21 are amended and new claim 23 is presented. No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended and new claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 6-23 are pending and under consideration.

STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

An in-person interview was conducted on November 18, 2005 between the Applicant's representative and the Examiner. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview.

Recited features according to aspects of the present invention, in conjunction with the drawings, that patentably distinguish over the cited art were discussed including the "swappable" feature and the forming of an antenna "by a printed wiring method on an underside of the upper cover." Other arguments are included in the remarks below.

At the in-person interview, the Examiner indicated that the "swappable" feature was not taught by any of the currently cited art.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Independent claims 1, 11, and 20 are amended to recite an input device, using claim 1 as an example, including "a first detachable upper cover that is swappable with a second detachable upper cover." (See, for example, FIGs. 6A and 11A). Claims 13-19 and 21 are amended to correspond to respective independent claims.

No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

FEATURES DISTINGUISH OVER PREVIOUSLY-CITED ART

As discussed during the in-person interview, Applicant submits that none of the art previously relied on by the Examiner teaches an input device including a cover that is detachable and further "swappable," as recited by each of the independent claims, as amended.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites an input device, including a housing and a case including "a first detachable upper cover that is swappable with a second detachable upper cover, wherein said antenna is arranged inside each of said detachable upper covers at an uppermost portion of the housing, . . . wherein said antenna is detachably connected to said communicating part by a connector and detachable from the case along with each of the detached upper covers."

Independent claim 11, as amended, recites a wireless input device including "a first

detachable upper cover . . . that is swappable with a second detachable upper cover; and an antenna . . . detachable from the case along with each of the detached upper covers."

Independent claim 20, as amended, recites a wireless input device including "a first detachable upper cover connectable to the case . . . and swappable with a second detachable upper cover."

As also discussed during the in-person interview, dependent claims recite features not taught by the previously cited art, alone or in combination. For example, dependent claim 3 recites that the antenna may be formed by "printing a conductor on the upper surface inside said housing." None of the cited art teaches such a "printing."

NEW CLAIM

New claim 23 is presented to recite features according to an aspect of the present invention in a different fashion. New claim 23 recites a cover for a wireless input including "an antenna in a first arrangement arranged within an inner volume of the cover or formed on a surface of the cover, wherein the cover is swappable with another cover having an antenna in a second arrangement." (See, for example, FIGs. 6A and 11A).

Applicant submits that claim 23 patentably distinguishes over art previously cited by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims patentably distinguish over the previously cited art, taken alone or in any proper combination. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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